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GAMBLING COMMISSION

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August 23, 2002

Art and Marion McDermott
710B South Bartholomew Street
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. McDermott:

Thank you for your letter regarding the compact with the Colville Tribes and your concern as to the difference between tribal and non-tribal gambling in Washington State. The history surrounding the Colville compact negotiations is extensive. The agreement reflects a significant compromise by the State and the Colville Tribes. Absent this good faith effort to come to agreement, it is very likely the outcome would have been controlled by federal officials.

I will forward your letter to the members of the Gambling Commission. However, you may also want to share your observations with your elected state and federal representatives as it is the United States Congress and the State Legislature that determine the forms of gambling allowed in the state. Many people don't realize that the type of gambling offered by tribes is essentially dictated by federal law. If a state allows gambling in various forms, then the tribes are eligible to operate those games without the regulatory restrictions found in state law except for those negotiated into the State-Tribal Compacts. The primary reason for the difference in types of gambling between tribal and non-tribal operations is tribal operations are controlled by federal law and non-tribal by state law.

As to your concern about gaming by the Kalispel Tribe, the Tribe's land at Airway Heights is actually part of the Tribe's reservation as determined by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. The process to gain approval of additions to tribal land is dictated by federal law. The Commission actually has no role in approving land acquisition. Again, thanks for sharing your thoughts with us. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Day".

Rick Day
Executive Director



Julie Lies

From: Ed Fleisher
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2002 10:30 AM
To: Julie Lies
Subject: RE: Letter from Public

I suggest that you forward it to Shirley/Gail for a response by Rick or George Orr. The person wants the letter shared with all the commissioners.

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Lies
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2002 8:04 PM
To: Bob Berg; Ed Fleisher
Cc: Dick Kellogg; Cathy Harvey
Subject: Letter from Public

We received the attached letter in TGU's mail. It seems that the senders are not happy with the Colville compacts, Indian gaming, and any expansion of gaming. Any suggestions on how to handle?

<< File: Letter 081402.pdf >>

Julie L. Lies
Agent in Charge, TGU
(360) 486-3586

*Ed, please help me to
perhaps we will be able to
find a way to handle it with
after we have the
08/20/02*

Laura Gallagher

From: Laura Gallagher <artmare@peoplepc.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2002 6:11 PM

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TRIBAL GAMING UNIT

To: Washington State Gaming Commission
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA. 98504-2400

Subject: Tribal Gaming / Non-tribal gambling interests

I recently read in the Spokesman Review of the states Gambling pact with the Colville Tribe, as you have done with many other tribes, but the same fairness and equity should be extended to non-tribal establishments so the playing field is fair.

Since the state allowed the Kalispell Tribe to build a Casino off-reservation it has hurt not only the private gambling establishments but tribal Casinos also. It was never the intention of the Federal Gaming laws to allow off-reservation gambling, which you have now opened the door. Rest assured as other tribes feel the pinch, they too will want off-reservation gambling, and the precedent has been SET, and court battles will ensue, that was a big mistake!!!!

Both tribal and non-tribal Casinos should have the same rules and be allowed to have Video Slot Machines, craps, Roulette, etc. At least the non-tribal Casinos pay taxes to the State. Indian Tribes should not get special treatment over other citizens. Our

Country was not founded with special interests in mind.

With all the Gambling that is now allowed in Washington State i.e. card rooms, pull tabs, Lotto, scratch games, and Casinos
, maybe it is time to open the state to Las Vegas style gaming and
the State fully regulate and TAX all the proceeds, including Indian Gaming.

What is good for one is good for all.

P.S. I would like you to share this letter with other Gaming Commission members.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Art & Marion McDermott".

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